



MINUTES OF THE LEE COUNTY FIRE ADVISORY BOARD

April 4, 2007

The Lee County Fire Advisory Board met on April 4, 2007 in the Small Conference Room at the Lee County Government Center.

The following members were present:

- Donald Andrews, Jr.
- Roger King
- Larry Kelly
- Doc Oldham
- John Altenburger
- Linda Shook
- Royce Gaines

The following members were absent:

- David Smitherman, Ex officio member

Chairman Donald Andrews called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

A motion was entertained by Chairman Donald Andrews to approve the February 22nd minutes. John Altenburger made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Doc Oldham. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Andrews and Vice-Chairman Roger King were re-elected for another year with a motion made by Larry Kelly, seconded by Doc Oldham with all in favor with an "aye" vote.

Bill Rogers, on behalf of the Substation Committee, distributed a report and drawing obtained from Myrick Construction reflecting an amount of \$249,000 for the construction of each of the proposed four substations. This amount reflects the materials cost for each building and does not include the land, paving, or landscaping. From this point, Chairman Andrews will work with Bill Rogers and Don Kivasckitz, Strategic Services Administrator, to figure out what the cost benefits would be to the citizens of Lee County. With the additional four substations, 98% of the county would have coverage.

Larry Kelly presented a request on behalf of Scott Holt, Chief of Tramway Fire Department, to meet with the FAB. Chief Holt has some concerns as to the locations of the substations, and felt Tramway should have had a say before the locations were put in place. After some discussion, the FAB approved to allot Chief Holt fifteen minutes during the April 18th meeting to express such concerns; as all were in agreement that “everybody’s idea needs to be heard”. Chairman Andrews requested that Chief Holt bring valid data and documentation to support his concerns.

Each FAB member received a book with the Fire Departments Budget Requests for FY 07-08 to review. In skimming through the different departments, it was suggested more information be made available to the FAB to assist in the approval process. Doc Oldham requested that a roster for each fire department be made available to help better gage their requests. Chairman Andrews will assist in obtaining this information from the fire departments.

John Altenburger called upon Larry Kelly to explain “pay per call” to fellow FAB members. Larry replied that pay per call is a dollar amount that is given to each responder that responds to a call.

Bill Rogers made a suggestion that worker’s compensation be included in the Fire Departments Budgets after this fiscal year. Lee County will be paying worker’s compensation this coming June which will cover July through the end of next June. In June of 2008, the fire departments would be responsible for payment.

Therefore being no further business to come before the FAB, Doc Oldham made a motion to adjourn, seconded by John Altenburger. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Donald Andrews, Jr., Chairman

ATTEST:

Nancy Veroni, Secretary